



THANKSGIVING TO GOD for all his benefits is expressed in giving, that God's greatest gift may be known to people everywhere. Psalm 116:12 "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?"—(Home Mission Board Photo)

U. S. HIGH COURT— Maryland Case Rejected

By W. Barry Garrett
WASHINGTON (BP)—The United States Supreme Court here without comment refused to review a Maryland high court decision that bars state tax grants to sectarian colleges.

The case involved direct construction grants from state tax funds totaling \$2½ million by the Maryland legislature to four church-related liberal arts colleges.

The grants went to the College of Notre Dame of Maryland in Baltimore and St.

Joseph College, Emmitsburg, both Roman Catholic schools; to Western Maryland College, Westminster, a Methodist school; and to Hood College, Frederick, affiliated with the United Church of Christ.

Of the four colleges only Hood College was classed by the Maryland Court of Appeals as a "secular" school. The others are "sectarian" according to the court definition, and therefore ineligible to receive grants from state tax funds.

The case was appealed from

the Maryland Court of Appeals to the U. S. Supreme Court. The Supreme Court, without comment, refused to grant the appeal denied the petition for certiorari. Justices John M. Harlan and Potter Stewart disagreed and said the case should be heard.

A separate appeal was made to include Hood College as sectarian and therefore ineligible for public funds. The court also denied this appeal.

Supreme Court refusal to hear a case does not necessarily mean approval or disapproval of the lower court action. Nevertheless it does mean that the Supreme Court found no compelling reason to consider the case further.

State Conventions Take Varied Actions

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP)—The Louisiana Baptist Convention adopted guidelines on church-state separation which "in spirit" will permit federal loans to Louisiana Baptist institutions.

The convention, however, will forbid acceptance of government grants to state Baptist institutions.

Two key policy statements were adopted by the convention. One was the report of the special church-state study committee, and the other was a lengthy policy covering operating of four convention-owned hospitals developed after a two-year study.

The hospital report stated that loans from any government agency may be accepted, so long as they do not amount to a subsidy, and so long as the interest rates are at the parity with the amount paid by the government.

It was pointed out that the

spirit of the church-state separation committee report was the same as that of the hospital report.

The church-state separation report, however, did not mention federal loans specifically, but rather left the decision on federal loans up to the trustees of the institutions.

The report stated that the convention "should give the institutional trustees a large degree of freedom, within the guidelines, to formulate programs and make decisions affecting the ongoing program—in this area (church-state separation) as in others."

The carefully-worded report listed nine guidelines for the trustees and the convention in dealing with the question. Most of the guidelines were general principles rather than specific policies.

One guideline said specifically:

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Texas Court Rules Nun Depositions OK

BOERNE, Tex. (BP)—A decision by a district court here that two Catholic nuns teaching at Boerne's public schools must make depositions in a controversial case involving church-state separation has been upheld by the Fourth Court of Civil Appeals.

The appellate court approved the earlier ruling by the 30th District Court of Boerne that it would be no violation of the nuns' civil rights if they were questioned under oath as to their religious beliefs.

The complicated legal battle began when a group of boerne

citizens, led by local Baptist pastor George McWilliams, took steps to prevent Benedictine Sisters Mary Thekla and Henrietta Marie from teaching public school classes while wearing the black habits of their order.

Almost immediately after the latest court ruling, the nuns' attorney, Pat Maloney of San Antonio, requested a transcript of the district court's proceedings and asked the district court to set an appeals bond.

"After these preliminary matters," Maloney said, "we will go back to the Fourth Court."

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Legally, the effect of the court order is to limit the impact of the Maryland ruling to the borders of the state. Actually, however, the case will be widely cited as a leading precedent governing future policy.

Such action by the Supreme Court points up the difficulty of bringing church-state cases to a clear decision. Advocates of the Judicial Review bill in Congress will use this case as an example of the need for action by Congress.

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THANKSGIVING GIFTS URGED FOR VILLAGE

The Thanksgiving season has been reserved for many years by Mississippi Baptists as a period of special emphasis upon the needs of boys and girls who are the responsibility of its child care agency.

Thanksgiving continues as the Convention-designated time for a state-wide appeal for operating funds among Mississippi Baptist churches by the Baptist Children's Village of Jackson.

According to reports made at 1966 sessions of Mississippi Baptist Convention and announcements released from the Village this week, Thanksgiving of 1966 is perhaps the most important offering season in all of the history of The Children's Village. These reports and announcements have revealed that The Baptist Children's Village has continued to operate at deficits extending to substantial figures in each of the past several years, and that unless a marked increase in cash resources from designated sources becomes available this holiday season, the very future of Baptist child care in

Mississippi will be in real jeopardy, according to Paul N. Nunnery, Superintendent.

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10,000 YOUNG PEOPLE, with a sprinkling of adults, from every section of the state, virtually filled the Mississippi Coliseum Thursday night for the annual closing session of the State Convention.

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION— Significant Session Held

The Mississippi Baptist Convention in its 131st session, meeting in First Baptist Church, Jackson, November 15-17, took several significant actions, heard a number of outstanding speakers, and received reports from its numerous institutions and agencies, as well as from a number of Southern Baptist agencies. More than 1265 messengers registered for the meeting and hundreds of other visitors attended the regular sessions, and thousands the final one at the Mississippi State Coliseum.

Among the most important actions taken was the rejection of the report of the special Church-State study "Committee of 24," and adoption of a substitute statement simply affirming the convention's stand on the separation of church and state and "suggesting" that the institutions "not apply for or accept federal money."

Other important actions included the enlargement of the State Convention Board membership from 77 to 100, adoption of the largest Cooperative Program budget in the convention's history, refusal to approve resolutions which would have given approval to the institutions opening their doors to all qualified persons, extending the life of the special committee to make a long-range study on Christian education, and authorizing two of the institutions to continue programs of enlargement.

The convention also approved appointment of a committee to make a depth study of the ministry of Baptists to students on state universities and colleges, and requested the state government to consider the provision of a chaplaincy ministry at the University Hospital and at the institution at Ellisville.

The new 100 member convention board was proposed in a constitutional amendment offered last year, and given final approval this year. In addition to the present 77 members, one from each Association, there now will be 23 members at large, chosen from over the state, although no association may have more than three members.

The new budget goal is \$3,470,000, with \$1,890,000 going to state causes, \$435,000 going to state capital needs, and \$1,145,000 going to Southern Baptist Convention causes. All budget funds received above the goal, will be divided 50% for Southern Baptist Convention causes, and 50% for Christian Education in Mississippi.

The messengers spent hours in debate on the report of the "Committee of 24" which it had appointed last year to make a depth study of the church-state issue, and then rejected the report, by adopting the short substitute statement which was offered by Dr. Russell Bush of Columbia, former president of the convention.

Two resolutions were offered on the matter of the institutions admitting all qualified persons, "regardless of race or color," but both were rejected on recommendation of the Resolutions Committee,

on the basis that "admission policies" should be left in the hands of the trustees.

The convention action session by session was as follows:

Tuesday Morning
Sessions opened on Tuesday morning at 9:30 a. m., at the First Church in Jackson, where every convention has been held since 1942. The day was bright, and the auditorium was well filled, by the time President Earl Kelly, pastor of First Church, Holly Springs, rapped the gavel calling this 131st session to order. Dr. Kelly shared the

task of presiding throughout the sessions with First Vice-President Dr. L. E. Green of Prentiss, and Second Vice-President Rev. Dan Morton of Amory.

A song and praise service was led by Paul Adams of Starkville, with Miss Hazel Chisholm at the organ. The first special music of the convention was provided by Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Jones of Jackson. Arrangements for all of the special music of the convention had been made with the assistance of Mr.

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Baptist Building Sold To State For \$120,000

The Mississippi Baptist State Office Building, corner of North Congress and Mississippi streets in Jackson, a Baptist landmark in the state, has been sold to the State of Mississippi for \$120,000.

Announcement of the sale was made at the Tuesday evening session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as well as chairman of its building committee.

The proceeds of the sale will be applied toward the cost of the new Mississippi Baptist Convention Building which is currently being constructed at the corner of North President and Mississippi streets.

Target date for completion of the new building is the fall of 1967, after which the present building will be turned over to the State.

Dr. Hudgins said that upon recommendation of the Convention Board, the present State Baptist Office Building was offered for sale first to the State and that the State

had the refusal to purchase the property.

The chairman said that the price agreed on was a joint appraisal figure, one in line with appraisals secured by both parties.

Dr. Hudgins further said that the State was given first opportunity to purchase the property because of appreciation to the State for selling

certain properties to the Mississippi Baptist Hospital and because the location of the building itself makes it specially valuable to the State.

The Executive Committee of the Convention Board has been given authority by the Board to handle all transactions relative to the construction of the new Mississippi Baptist Convention Building.

PRESENTING— THE PRESIDENT

By
Anne Washburn McWilliams
"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he..."
What manner of man is Claude Townsend, the new president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention?

In the Convention's tradition of alternating preacher and layman, he is a layman. Owner of the Townsend Piano Company of Jackson, he and his family moved near Florence a little over a year ago. Prior to that time, he lived in Jackson, where he was a member of the Broadmoor Church for eleven years.

A believer in the power of positive thinking, he says that right thinking produces right results, and wrong thinking the wrong results. "When we teach a pupil to think correctly, he acts correctly," he maintains. "And we get more results with positive words." For instance, when Mr. Townsend has a choice of words, he would say "can," not "can't"; "easy," not "hard"; "resting," not "tired"; "since," not "if."

It is "hard" (not "easy") to understand how he can say "resting," and not "tired," for he does a staggering number of jobs.

At First Church, Florence, he is Sunday school teacher and, director of the Intermediate Training Union Depart-

ment. For Rankin County Association, he is Brotherhood president.

In denominational work, he is chairman of the state Pioneer Missions Committee. He has been on six preaching crusades, including missions to Denver, Montana, California, and Ohio, and directed the crusade in Ohio this past summer.

He has participated in Montana State Fellowship Meetings for the past three years, working with the Montana churches in their planning. (His business has either do-

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Annie Armstrong Goal Is Topped

ATLANTA (BP)—Southern Baptists have reached their annual Home Mission offering goal for 1966. Although the offerings have been increasing year by year, this is the first time since 1961 that the goal has been reached.

On Nov. 15, the 1966 Annie Armstrong offering totaled \$4,001,775.89, according to the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here.

The goal was \$4 million. Receipts will continue to be counted through December.



PRESIDENTS ALL—All those pictured are past presidents of the State Convention. From left: Purser Hewitt, Dr. W. E. Holcomb, Dr. Wm. Earl Green, Dr. E. C. Williams, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Dr. Earl Kelly, Claude Townsend (present president), Dr. S. R. Woodson, Dr. John E. Barnes, Dr. Russell Bush.



THE SANCTUARY of the host church was filled during debate on the church-state issue.



NEW CONVENTION OFFICERS—New officers, elected to serve 1966-67, are, from left: Claude Townsend, Florence, president; Rev. D. D. Satterwhite, Bay Springs, second vice-president; Paul Adams, Starkville, recording secretary; Horace Kerr, Jackson, associate secretary; and Rev. Dan Morton, Amory, first vice-president.



THE MASONIC TEMPLE banquet hall was well-filled for banquet of the Mississippi Men's Conference held Monday afternoon prior to opening of the State Convention.

Thanksgiving Gifts For The Village

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Reports indicate that almost 70% of the minimum cash needs at the village must be realized from designated giving. The balance moves to Mississippi Baptists' program of Christian Child Care through a Cooperative Program allocation which, in the year beginning November 1, 1966, will amount to the sum of \$25,000.00, he continued.

Mr. Nunnery has announced that an annual average in excess of 250 different boys and girls have received the services offered at the Village during the past three years and that these services have grown and expanded, even in the face of operating shortages, so as to meet almost every spiritual, moral, social, emotional and physical need presented by the children coming to the Village for care.

Many of these services, some of a pioneer nature in the child care field, were reviewed by Superintendent Nunnery in his remarks to Mississippi Baptist Convention last week.

In Mission Field Nunnery has again emphasized the fact that the real assignment at The Baptist Children's Village is missions. He has stated that while children continue to come under care who need food, clothing, shelter and medical attention; while these needs do receive prompt attention at The Village at great money cost; the spiritual needs of these children and their families are more deeply-rooted and give rise to physical and social needs.

According to Mr. Nunnery, the more obvious physical and social needs of children coming to the Village for care have been present in the homes and lives of their families for several generations and the problems of these children and their families is spiritual in origin.

Mr. Nunnery has called attention to the fact that the Village is therefore a mission field and that its real and most expensive task is a mission of service, urgently requiring more and better trained staff members using more progressive Christian methods in leading boys and girls to a permanent solution to the family problems.

"We undertake to present the Christian way of life as a believable and confident way of living to children who have heard the gospel all of their lives, but who don't believe it," Nunnery said.

"This undertaking is made within the framework of our own little society at the Village—a society ordered and structured according to Christian principles to teach children by means found to be appealing to and effective with them that Christ is their permanent answer."

The Village administration states that hundreds of Mississippi Baptist churches still take no Thanksgiving offering for the children and make no mention of this mission appeal. The Sunday preceding to the Sunday succeeding Thanksgiving Day is suggested by Village officials as the appropriate time for this appeal in local churches.

Court Rejects Maryland Case

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gress. However, such action would not assure that the court would be bound to follow the will of Congress.

The effect of this Supreme Court action should be viewed with caution. For one thing, the grants were direct construction aids to the schools as such. Such public help as student and faculty aid, research projects and special purpose or category grants were not considered.

All Not Covered
The whole idea of public purchase of services from private institutions or of contracts is not touched by this case.

The Maryland Court of Appeals threw out state grants to church colleges on the basis of prohibitions both in the state and federal constitutions. The court said that grants to a school are secular or sectarian depending on the nature of the institutions involved.

The court set up six criteria for sorting out the four colleges in the case. They are:
1. The stated purposes of the college;
2. College personnel, including the governing board, administration, faculty, and student body;

3. The college's relationship with religious organizations and groups, including extent of ownership, financial assistance, memberships and affiliations;
4. The place of religion in the college's program, including physical surroundings and religious observances sponsored by the school;

5. "Outcome" of the college program in terms of accreditation and the nature and character of alumni activities; and
6. The work and image of the college in the community.

Earlier this year (July 1966) the Report From The Capital, a bulletin from the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, reviewed a staff report on the Maryland college case. In conclusion this review said:

"Denominational educators will need to study the Maryland opinion. Some denominations have held such close control of their schools that they have sectarian colleges. Other denominations may find that they have what the courts hold to be 'secular' schools which are eligible for public grants."

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cifically: no grant to the institution from any government agency shall be accepted.

Other guidelines said that any assistance that creates a limitation or diversion from the basic purposes of the institutions should not be permitted, that the institution should retain its own integrity in the matter of control, and that the institution must not become dependent upon federal funds for program operation.

"The focal concern in this study turns on whether there are points at which cooperation between church and state can contribute to their mutual goals and obligations without impinging on the freedom of one or the other in pursuit of their goals," said the report.

"The concept of separation, Baptist believe, does not demand that church and state avoid each other like the plague," said the committee report. "Cooperation need not destroy separation."

In other action, the convention adopted a record \$3,275,000 budget and re-elected Ray Rust, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bastrop, La., as the convention president.

The Wednesday night convention session was devoted to launching a \$2 million fund crusade for Louisiana Baptist College in Pineville, La., near Alexandria.

North Carolina
WINSTON SALEM, N. C. (BP)—A resolution favoring privileged communication for pastors was adopted here by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in one of their quietest conventions in years.

The resolution supported efforts to change the current North Carolina laws which require ministers under oath to divulge confidential communications at the request of the judge.

Another resolution adopted unanimously by North Carolina Baptists opposed "open bars" in the form of legalized liquor-by-the-drink sales. The North Carolina legislature is expected to consider proposed legislation on liquor-by-the-drink at its next session.

The only ripple in the convention program came when a pastor from Gibson, N.C., introduced a resolution asking the convention to support Sen. Everett Dirksen's efforts to pass a "prayer amendment" to the U. S. Constitution.

The motion, made by Claude Asbury, was tabled by the convention indicating the messengers' apparent disapproval of the prayer amendment efforts in the U. S. Congress, observers said.

Theme of the three-day convention was "Church and Change." Almost every address was pointed to some aspect of change ahead for the church.

In major business actions, the 3,000 messengers to the convention approved a record \$8.12 million budget, an increase of about \$700,000 over the 1965 budget. About 34 per cent of the budget will go to support Southern Baptist Con-

vention causes through the SBC Cooperation Program.

Georgia
COLUMBUS, Ga. (BP)—

The Georgia Baptist Convention slapped down an effort to approve "non-subsidy" federal loans for their institutions by a two-to-one vote, and accepted as a gift a \$2 million hotel in downtown Atlanta as the site of a Baptist home for the elderly.

The vote was 761 to 388 against federal loans, after a debate of more than 80 minutes on the following two-point recommendation that came from the convention's administration and executive committee:

"1. That the Georgia Baptist Convention as a policy approve the securing of long-term, low interest loans from public funds for construction of buildings by Georgia Baptist institutions provided the rate of interest paid is equal to the cost of the government in making the loan plus one-fourth of one per cent per annum for administrative costs.

"2. That should the interest paid by any Georgia Baptist institution in any year be less than the Treasury Department estimate of cost, plus one-fourth of one per cent, that the institution pay the government at the close of the year an amount equal to the deficiency."

Mercer University, Macon, Ga., had requested approval to seek a \$500,000 federal loan for a science center and Norman Junior College, Norman Park, Ga., wanted to borrow \$300,000 for a new library.

After the negative vote on approving a "no-subsidy" federal loan policy, the two schools did not submit their requests.

Mercer had submitted the same request last year, but was told to get its money from a commercial agency at "the most favorable rate available."

The Peachtree-on-Peachtree Hotel in the heart of downtown Atlanta was given to the Georgia Baptist Convention by the Beasley Foundation, Inc., of Portsmouth, Va. The hotel was formerly the Wine-coff Hotel, where 125 died in 1946 in one of the nation's worst hotel fires.

Searcy S. Garrison, convention executive secretary, said the hotel gift was the largest in value of any single gift ever made to the Georgia Baptist Convention.

The hotel has 200 rooms which will be used to house "elderly people of modest means."

Harwell Named

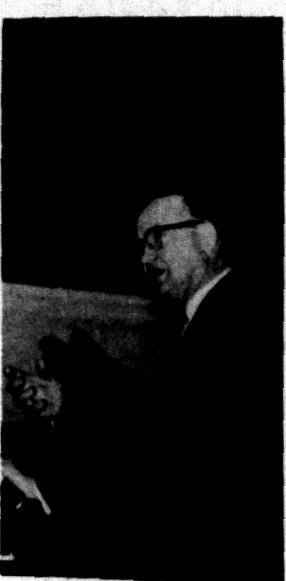
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As the new editor of The Index, Harwell becomes head of the third oldest religious journal in the world currently in operation, and the third largest of the 29 state Baptist papers.

Employing a staff of nine persons, the Christian Index has a circulation of about 130,000. It has been owned by the convention since 1920, having been published first in 1922 under the editorship of Luther Rice.



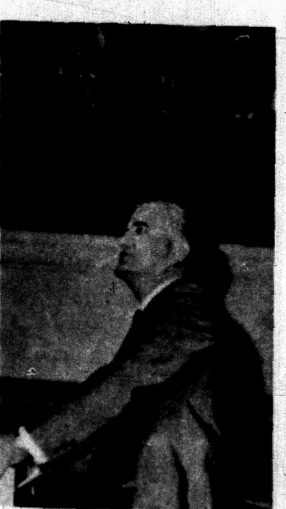
DR. W. DOUGLAS HUDGINS, host pastor, welcomes convention to church.



DR. S. R. WOODSON, Columbus, chairman of Committee of 24, presents report of group to convention.



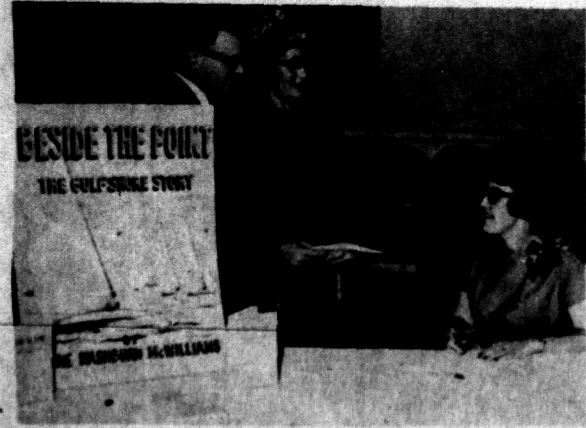
DR. RUSSELL BUSH, Columbia layman, makes substitute motion during debate on church-state issue that was adopted by the convention.



DR. LANDRUM LEAVELL, Wichita Falls, Texas, former pastor of First Church, Gulfport, delivers one of main addresses.



DR. JOE COTTEN, Jackson, (left) presents his brother, Dr. Grady Cotten of Shawnee, Okla., who was one of featured speakers.



GULFSHORE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY, Rev. Tom Douglas, manager, sponsored an autograph party for Mrs. W. D. McWilliams, on Tuesday afternoon, November 15, following the convention session. Mrs. McWilliams, the former Anne Washburn, is author of the new book, **BESIDE THE POINT, THE GULFSHORE STORY**. She is pictured above with Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Triplett of Newton, who had just purchased one of the books. (Mr. Triplett was her pastor when he was at Sloss Church, Marion, Alabama, and she a student at Judson College.)

Texas Court

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Court of Civil Appeals and appeal the district judge's entire ruling.

Maloney said that if the Fourth Court again turns him down, the issue of depositions will be taken to the Texas Supreme Court.

Maloney's plan is to exhaust every state court appeal possible before the issue is taken to the school board and eventually to the federal courts.


He said if he goes into federal court, he will contend that asking the nuns questions under oath about their religion is a violation of their civil rights.

Since the fight over whether or not the nuns should be questioned under oath is taking so long, observers believe that the paramount issue of whether they should wear their religious garb in public school classes may not be settled for more than a year.

THAT'S A FACT

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E. HAROLD FISHER, president of Blue Mountain College, (right), greets Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, of Nashville, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, featured speaker.



REV. ROBERT PERRY, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Greenville, (right), receives award for his church having attained first place in the state in category 4 of Church Development Ministry from Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, as Rev. Leon Emery, associate in Cooperative Missions Department, observes. Three other awards were also presented.



DR. EARL KELLY, Holly Springs, president of the Convention, is seen delivering the keynote address.



Historical Commission



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REV. REID DICKEN, of Benton, president of Historical Commission, (left), presents Rev. J. L. Boyd, Clinton, executive director of the Commission, a plaque on the occasion of his making his 40th historical report to the body.

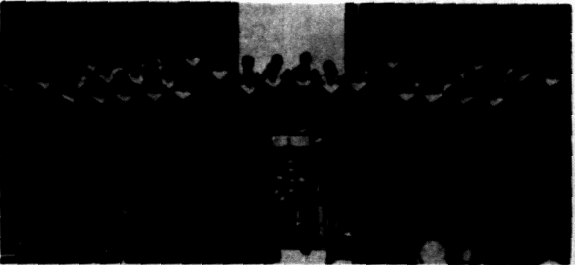


DR. RUSSELL M. MCINTIRE, pastor of First Church, Clinton, delivers convention sermon.



REV. J. C. RENFRO, Jackson, chairman of order of business committee, (left), is seen with Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

The Convention In Pictures



THE MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE choir was among the various groups to sing for the Convention.



AMONG THE choral groups singing during convention was the Singing Churchmen, composed of ministers of music and others from over the state.



THE GILFOY SCHOOL OF NURSING choir rendered special music for the Convention.



THE TREBLE TEENS, group from the Children's Village, sing before convention.



MRS. O. M. JONES, Baptist Book Store Manager, makes sale in convention bookstore exhibit to Rev. G. W. Middleton, Louisville, as Dr. Allen G. Webb, Jackson, looks on.



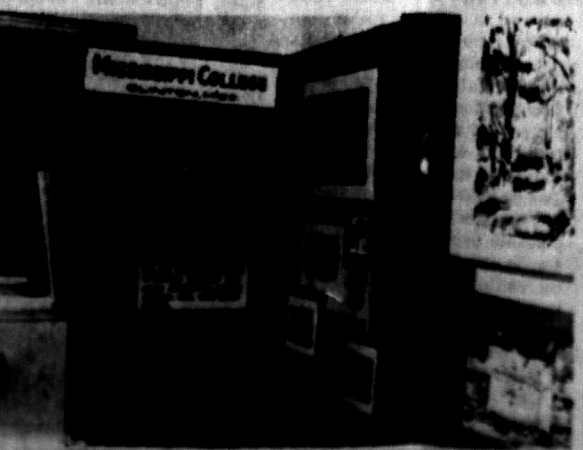
THE CONVENTION secretaries are seen at their table. Paul Adams, Starkville, recording secretary, is at right with Horace Kerr, Jackson, associate.



AN UNUSUAL sight at convention was large number of press, radio and television reporters and photographers present during church-state debate.



Mississippi Baptist Hospital



Mississippi College



REV. D. C. APPLGATE, Starkville, vice-chairman of State Convention Board, presents Convention Board report.



DR. WAYNE DEHONEY, Jackson, Tenn., immediate past president of the SBC, waits his turn to speak to the body.



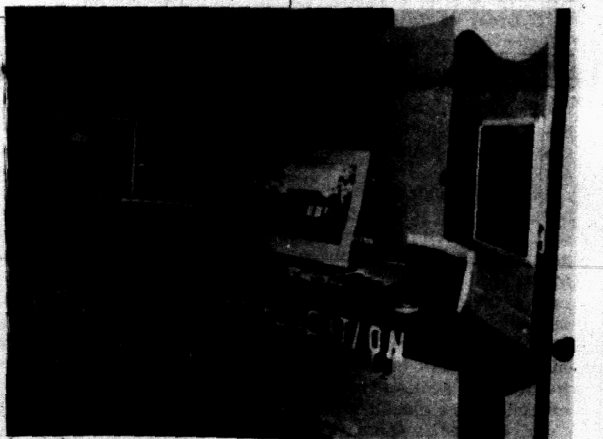
DR. CHESTER L. QUARLES, executive secretary-treasurer, (right), presents presidential plaque to Dr. Earl Kelly.



DR. J. F. ALLEN, Fort Worth, Texas, delivers main address at youth night session in Coliseum.



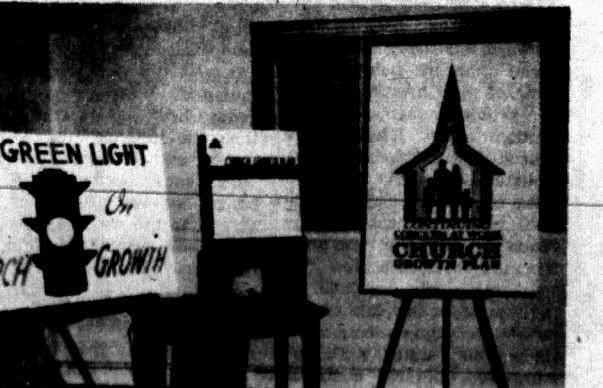
Brotherhood Department



Clarke College



Evangelism Department



Sunday School Department



Stewardship Department

Many Church-State Questions Unanswered

This is all that the adopted statement says, and while some may assume that it says more, it actually

The Convention Day By Day

Dr. Kelly devoted the last half of his address to the need for Christian education today, showing that Christian emphasis has practically been removed from secular education. He suggested three purposes for Christian institutions, namely: 1. Produce students who have developed the habit of inquiry. 2. Produce students who have developed the power of discernment, and 3. Creation of a via - of Christian greatness. Dr. Kelly said that the teacher is the most important factor in Christian education.

The secretary introduced several of the business men who serve on the foundation, and paid high tribute to them for the service they render the denomination, its people and its agencies.

Moreover, each board of trustees will make its own decision, and since they are left without clear

Dr. Frank S. Gromer, administrator for Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, told of the ministry of that institution which is owned jointly

State Missions
Dr. Chester L. Quarles,
Executive Secretary of the
Mississippi Baptist Con-
vention Board, has chosen as the

Since we are united in this, we must accept the responsibility for providing the funds those institutions need. All of our churches and individual Baptists, now must dig deeper and give more, both through the Cooperative Program and through designated gifts for Christian education. As our fellow editor, Dr. John Hurt of Texas, says in an editorial concerning the Texas Baptist Convention action rejecting federal loans and grants, which editorial will be carried as a guest editorial in an early issue, we now "must match our convictions with our pocketbooks."

LET'S PUT OUR MONEY... WHERE OUR WORDS ARE

NO GOK LOANS... WE'LL DO IT!

1966 BAPTIST CONVENTION

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"The God is dead movement is negative," he said, "but we have the positive message that God is alive."

Primary attention seems to be directed toward what is wrong with our nation: our de-

The committee recommended that neither of the resolutions concerning college admission policies be passed. The resolutions called for the convention to approve a policy of admission to our colleges without regard to "race, color or creed." The basis for the

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Lord, Thou hast given me a cell
Wherein to dwell,
A little house whose humble roof
Is weather-proof.
Low is my porch, as is my fate,
Both void of state;
And yet the threshold of my door
Is worn by th' poor,
Who hither come and freely get
Good words, or meat.
'Tis Thou that crown'st
my glittering hearth
With guileless mirth.
All these, and better Thou dost send
'Me, to this end,
That I should render, for my part,
A thankful heart.
—Robert Herrick

THEY TELL ME THOU ART RICH

They tell me thou art rich, my country: gold
In glittering flood has poured into thy chest;
Thy flocks and herds increase; thy barns are pressed
With harvest, and thy stores can hardly hold
Their merchandise; unending trains are rolled
Along thy network rails of east and west;
Thy factories and forges never rest;
Thou art enriched in all things bought and sold;
But dost thou prosper? Better news I crave.
O dearest country, is it well with thee
Indeed, and is thy soul in health?
A nobler people, hearts more wisely brave,
And thoughts that lift men up and make them free—
These are prosperity and vital wealth!
—Author unknown, from Ideals

A Thought For Thanksgiving

"So live each day with gratitude,
be thankful for the power
to live and love and to enjoy
each good and perfect hour
and make the best of every
day and
take what it can give.
Tomorrow is God's secret,
but today is yours to live."

We Are Glad...

Then was our mouth filled
with laughter, and our tongue
with singing; then said they
among the heathen... The
Lord hath done great things
for us; whereof we are glad
(Psalm 126:2, 3)

A Song Of Harvest

O Painter of the fruits and flowers!
We thank Thee for Thy wise design
Whereby these human hands of ours
In nature's garden work with Thine.
And thanks that from our daily need
The joy of simple faith is born;
That he who smites the summer
weed,
May trust Thee for the autumn
corn.
—John Greenleaf Whittier

CONTENT

Content is wealth, the riches
of the mind;
And happy he who can such
riches find.
—John Dryden

PRESENTING THE PRESIDENT...

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nated or sold at cost at least
fifty pianos and organs to
churches in pioneer mission
areas.)

He has been speaker for
many laymen's revivals, both
in Mississippi and out-of-state.

He was a member of the
Committee of Concern which
helped to rebuild burned Ne-
gro churches in Mississippi;
he is now a member of the
Advisory Committee of So-
phia Sutton Mission Assembly
at Prentiss.

He was Jackson's premiere
chairman for the Billy Gra-
ham movie, "The Restless
Ones," and helped train coun-
selors for those who made de-
cisions. Later he went to
Natchez to train counselors
for the same purpose. During
the coming year, he plans to
continue training counselors
and soulwinners.

He is chairman of the
Board of Directors of the
Helping Hand Rescue Mission,
an interdenominational mis-
sion which ministers to 600 or
700 men each month, and
feeds up to 2500 meals a
month to those men. The
mission gives both physical
and spiritual assistance.

He is a Board member of
the Allison Evangelistic As-
sociation (Dr. Grey Allison's
evangelism team). In ad-
dition, he is president of the
Board of the non-profit cor-
poration of property owners at
Cleary, where he lives.

Does he then have any time
left for his business? Eviden-
tly. Last year he personally
sold over 300 pianos and or-
gans.

Born in Pelahatchie, Town-
send lived his early years at
Johns. At 12, he made a pro-
fession of faith at Antioch
Church, Rankin County. He
went to grammar school at
Antioch, one of the state's last
two-teacher schools, and grad-
uated from high school at
Johns. After attending Hinds
Junior College for one
year and LSU for a year, he,
at 21, went into the piano busi-
ness with his brother in Baton
Rouge.

During the Korean conflict,
he served in the U. S. Army;
for two years, one year in
Germany. Afterward he took
a position with Brown Music
Company in Jackson; in 1964
he established the Townsend
Piano Company. While living
in the capital city he has
studied business administra-
tion in the University Exten-
sion Center's night classes.

It was in Training Union
that he met Louise Gibson, at
First Church, Baton Rouge.
Miss Gibson, from W. C. C.



Claude Townsend

Point, Mississippi, was a
member of the church staff
there in Baton Rouge. They
were married in 1954.

Mrs. Townsend graduated
from West Point High School
and from Bowling Green Busi-
ness College. She has held po-
sitions as church secretary in
her hometown church at West
Point; education director at
First Church, Belzoni; secre-
tary to the education direc-
tor at First Church, Belzoni;
secretary to the education di-
rector (Henry Love, a former
Mississippian) at First
Church, Baton Rouge; secre-
tary to the education director
at First Church, Tulsa, Okla-
homa; and secretary to Dr.
Chester Quarles, executive-
secretary, Mississippi Baptist
Convention Board.

The Townsends have five
children, three girls and two
boys: Debbie, 11; Teresa, 9;
Claudia, 7; Keith, 6; and
Ken, 4.

Claude Townsend is a
thoughtful father. Even
though he likes to fish, he'd
rather spend his spare time
"with the kids." "It is the
QUALITY of time with the
family that is more impor-
tant than the QUANTITY," he
insists. He spends a great
deal of time trying to teach
his children how to think. If
one of them says, "I can't,"
he asks, "You can't, or you
shouldn't?" He trains them to
think out and make their own
decisions, according to certain
principles.

Every morning, every
member of the family has his
personal Bible readings.
Then at breakfast, Mr. Town-
send asks each child what she
read and what the passage
was about. The boys can't
read yet, but the girls can
read to him. At night, be-
fore the children's bedtime the

"SET ASIDE A DAY"
Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed: "To set aside in the
autumn of each year a day on which to give thanks to Almighty
God for the blessings of life is a wise and reverent custom."
Surely, Thanksgiving Day gives us its finest blessings
when we echo the prayer of Christ: "Father, I thank thee."



WITH PERSEVERANCE born of prayer, the Pilgrims reached
new and unknown shores. In their fort—as it has been pre-
served in replica on Plymouth Plantation, Mass.—was the
lower-floor meeting house, where the first settlers gave thanks
for their meager existence and strength needed in a time of
adversity. (RNS Photo)

The First Thanksgiving Proclamation

Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this
year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, peas,
beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made
the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish
and clams and inasmuch as he has protected us from
the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pesti-
lence and disease, has granted us freedom to wor-
ship God according to the dictates of our own con-
science; now I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all
ye pilgrims, with your wives and ye little ones, do
gather at ye meeting house, on Thursday, November
ye 29th, of the year of our Lord one thousand six
hundred and twenty-three, and the third year since ye
pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen
to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty
God for all his blessings.
—William Bradford, Ye Governor of ye Colony

family worships together. All

take part in the prayer. Mr.
Townsend says that he feels
it very important that each
one have a chance to lead in
prayer. The children began
to pray before they were 2
years old, before they could
talk well.

The new president is a dis-
cerning thinker. Last year he
spoke in Indiana at the Na-
tional Piano Convention on
"How to Sell More by Choos-
ing Better Thoughts." He be-
lieves that people can be mo-
tivated to do what they ought
to do.

He says, "It can be easy to
do everything. A thing is
hard, not because it IS hard,
but because we believe it is
hard. It is all in the attitude
of mind."

"What Jesus tells us to do
is easy and will be unless we
believe it is hard. Jesus said,
'Come unto me, all ye that
labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest; for
my yoke is easy and my bur-
den is light.' It is hard to do

the wrong thing. It is hard to
do the right thing in the wrong
way. Proverbs 13:15b: 'The
way of the transgressor is hard.'

"Jesus said to Paul, 'It is
hard for you to kick against
the pricks.'

"In Mark 4:23, Jesus said,
'If thou canst believe, all
things are possible to him that
believeth.' When we think
something is hard, or say 'we
can't' this denotes a lack of
faith, and (Hebrews 11:6)
'without faith it is impossible
to please him, for he that
cometh to God must believe
that he is' and (Romans 14:
23b) 'whatsoever is not of faith
is sin.'

"Our speech betrays us,"
declares Townsend, "when we
use words that denote the
lack of faith."

Mississippi Baptists' new
president is a soulwinner. The
list of his activities, pointed
out above, supports that fact.
He asserts, "My main empha-
sis this year will be witness-
ing, training soulwinners, and
giving assistance in pioneer
missions areas."

Speaking to Mississippi Bat-
tists, he adds, "Please feel
free to call me for any oc-
casion where you feel I may
be able to help, for only when
I know of a need will I be
able to help."

The lightest of all metals is
lithium, which has a specific
gravity of 0.534—a density of
33.32 pounds per cubic foot.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled
according to birthdays.)

November 28—Mrs. Hazel K.
Anthony, staff, Mississippi
College; Paul K. Argo, fac-
ulty, Mississippi College.

November 29—Johnell Cooley,
Baptist Book Store; Bea
Fortenberry, Baptist Book
Store.

November 30—Ben Goddard,
Greene-Wayne supt. of mis-
sions; W. W. Boggan,
George supt. of missions.

December 1—Mrs. Peggy
Taylor, staff, Children's
Village; Mrs. Ann Pearce,
staff, Children's Village.

December 2—Dennis E. Con-
niff, Jr., Baptist Building;
Mrs. Nell Cotton, Baptist
Building.

December 3—Pauline Davis,
Beverly, Clarke College; J.
B. Costlow, Baptist student
director, Clarke College.

December 4—Mary Dean Hol-
ley, staff, Blue Mountain Col-
lege; B. G. Bignall, fac-
ulty, William Carey College.



Dr. J. S. Riser

Convention Day By Day

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committee recommendation
was that the constitution of
the convention requires that
the admission policies must be
left in the hands of the trust-
ees. This recommendation
was approved by the conven-
tion.

Baptist Education Study Task
After reports of some other
committees, Mr. Owen Cooper
of Yazoo City, brought a pro-
gress report on the Baptist Ed-
ucation Study Task. This is
the Southern Baptist conven-
tion wide study of Baptist
higher education, which is be-
ing made over a two year
period. Mr. Cooper told of the
study conferences which had
been held in Mississippi, and
of the convention-wide meet-
ing had been held in Missis-
sippi, and of the convention-
wide meeting held in Nash-
ville last summer, in which a
number of Mississippians par-
ticipated. The group has an-
other year in which to com-
plete its survey and study.

Convention Board
The Convention Board re-
port was presented by D. C.
Applegate of Starkville, in the
absence of the board chair-
man, T. R. McKibbens of Lau-
rel, who was unable to attend
the convention because of ill-
ness. Routine recommenda-
tions were made and the
printed book of report was
presented. The proposed
budget was adopted.

Baptist Record
Dr. Joe Odle, editor of the
Baptist Record, brought the
report of that agency. He in-
troduced the staff, giving spe-
cial attention to the fact that
the business manager, Mrs.
Eunice J. Campbell, will re-
tire on January 1, 1967. Dr.
Odle expressed appreciation
for her service. He also an-
nounced that this is the 90th
anniversary year of the Bat-
tist Record and that the anni-
versary issue will appear in
February. He reported that
the circulation as of today is
105,081.

Committee of 24
The hour had arrived for
the report of the Committee
of 24, so the chairman of the
committee, S. R. Woodson,
pastor of First Church, Col-
umbus, was called to the
platform. President Earl Kel-
ly made several statements
concerning procedure. He said
that the report would be read,
and then Dr. Woodson would
be given the floor to answer

any questions which might be
asked, to bring clarification.
After that would come full de-
bate, although a motion from
the floor was passed limiting
the time of any speaker to
one speech of five minutes,
until all others who desired to
speak could do so.

Dr. Woodson had copies of
the report distributed, and
then made several statements
concerning it. He called atten-
tion to the work the commit-
tee had done in preparing the
report, and commended the
members for their faithful
service. He then showed that
the report recommended that
no government grants of any
kind be accepted, and that it
stated that loans could be ac-
cepted only if there were no
subsidies, no church-state
problems, and no loss of full
control of the institution. He
stated that student loans, fac-
ulty grants, and payment for
service rendered would not be
considered as church-state
problems. He stated that the
report gave definite guide-
lines to the trustees of institu-
tions in dealing with the
church-state affairs.

Report Read
After this explanation, Dr.
Woodson introduced Dr. F. D.
Hewitt, of Mississippi College,
secretary of the committee, to
read the report. When he had
finished, a number of ques-
tions were asked, most of
them centering on the issues
of "undue control," signing
conformity agreements, etc.
Dr. Woodson explained that
the report made it very clear
that under the proposed
guidelines, no board of trust-
ees could enter into any
agreement, which in the
slightest manner relinquished
control of the institution. He
strongly defended the position
that the report clearly re-
jected the acceptance of govern-
ment grants or subsidies, and
clearly stated that the trust-
ees could not give up full
control of the institutions.

Debate Begins
After the question period
was over, a motion was made
that the report of the commit-
tee be adopted. It was then
that the debate began and
continued until the time of ad-
journment which had been set
at 12:30, and eliminated the
special message which had
been set for the morning hour.
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
After adjournment at 12:30
for the seminary luncheon,
the convention reconvened at

2:00 o'clock. The order of
business committee, had set
the sermon which had been
omitted in the morning, to be
followed by continuance of
the debate on the church-state
issue.

Landrum Leavell
Dr. Landrum Leavell, pas-
tor of First Church, Wichita
Falls, Texas, and former pas-
tor in Mississippi, spoke on
the subject "Penetration,"
and said that the most im-
portant issue before this con-
vention was not "church-
state" but rather "heaven and
hell." People are lost. The
world population is exploding,
and our consuming concern
should be to reach them. Yet,
someone, has projected the
figure that at our present rate
of winning people to Christ,
only two per cent of the work
will be non-Catholic Chris-
tians by the year 2000 A. D.
God has a plan for reaching
that lost world, and that is
through personal witnessing.
Dr. Leavell said that we have
the danger of indifference
and of concern with other
matters. He concluded that
we have duty to witness, and
that we must not fall now.

Debate Continues
After this inspirational mes-
sage the debate on the report
of the "Committee of 24" was
continued. One speaker asked
for a show of hands of those
who actually had carefully
read and studied the report,
and many indicated that they
had not done so. Much of the
discussion seemed to assume
that the report favored the
acceptance of federal funds,
although Dr. Woodson has
clearly stated that it did not
do so. It was clear that the
messengers were practically
unanimously agreed that fed-
eral funds should not be ac-
cepted, but there was dis-
agreement as to the meaning
of that statement. The opposi-
tion to the report seemed to
center on the fact that to ob-
tain loans or even student aid,
the institutions would have
to yield to government con-
trol, and there was clear op-
position to this.

A number of speakers de-
fended the report and urged
its approval, but an even
larger number were on the
other side, taking the position
that the report did favor ac-
ceptance of federal funds,
even though that had been
strongly denied by the chair-
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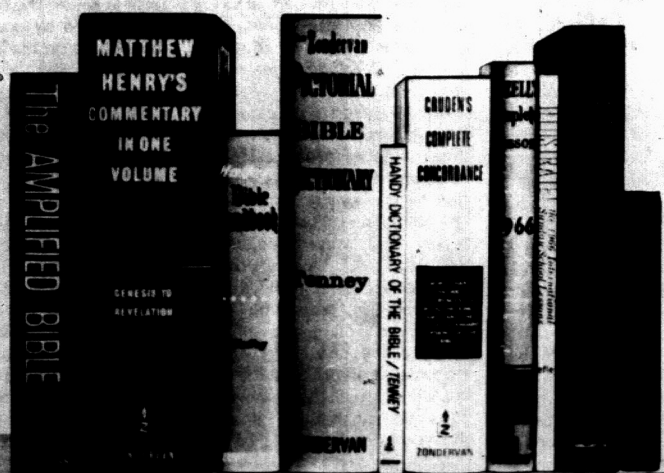
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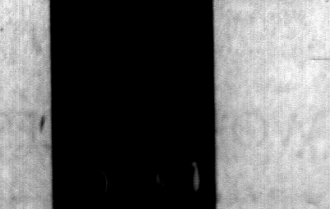
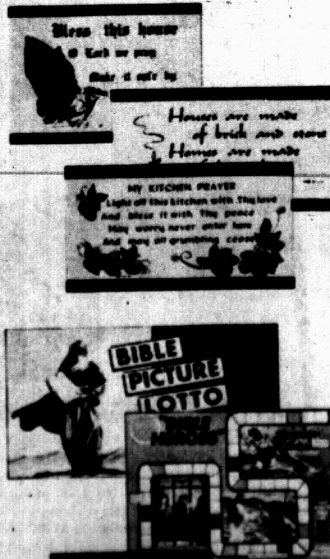
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man, and some committee members.

Substitute Offered
After long discussion, Dr. Russell Bush, layman from Columbia, and former president of the convention, offered a substitute motion, which he had mentioned at the morning session, but had delayed offering at the request of the president, until the original proposal could be thoroughly discussed.

His proposal was "We reaffirm our belief in the New Testament and the historical principle of the separation of church and state, to wit: A free church in a free state in which the church does not resort to civil powers to carry out its work, nor does the state depend upon the church to carry out its work."

"We suggest that our institutions not make applications for or accept Federal money."

There was brief discussion, with some questions as to what guidelines this offered on some of the specific questions such as student loans, but no clear interpretation of this was given.

Efforts were made to seek a compromise between this substitute and the report of the committee, but there appeared to be strong opposition to this, and the effort was abandoned.

Substitute Approved
Finally the vote was called for, and after a standing vote which was somewhat inconclusive to the president, he asked that the decision be by ballot. The substitute motion was approved by a vote of 604 to 381.

The auditorium had remained packed throughout the debate. The debaters were frequently interrupted by cheering and handclapping, but this finally was stopped by the president, when it was suggested by a messenger from the floor that it was not the most dignified thing for the convention to do.

Berquist
At the close of the debate many left the auditorium, but some remained to hear a brief message by Dr. Millard J. Berquist of Midway Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, on the subject of theological education. He used as his theme "Prophetic Preaching" and told of the efforts of the seminaries to prepare prophets for this crisis hour. The session adjourned shortly after 5 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING
The crowd was rather slow in gathering for the Wednesday evening service, after the long full day which had preceded. Moreover, it was evident that some of those who had stayed for the long sessions of the day had gone home. Nevertheless, the auditorium was fairly well filled by the time the worship period was completed and the reports and business were started.

The program committee made numerous shifts in the program seeking to catch up on the hours lost in the afternoon session.

Colleges Report

The college presidents brought reports from each of the four institutions, revealing that a good year of work is under way at each of them. The largest gain in enrollment is at William Carey with more than 15%, while Blue Mountain and Mississippi College have between 7% and 8%. Clarke also has an increase of 4.4% over last year. Mississippi College has its new science building under construction. William Carey and Blue Mountain each received approval from the convention (at the time of Education Commission report) of plans for new buildings, and Clarke is erecting a new fine arts building. While each of the institutions has serious problems because of increased financial needs, the reports revealed them to be in good condition.

Seminary and Nursing School
Dr. William P. Davis presented the report of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, and Paul Pryor the report on the Gilroy School of Nursing.

In a business session the convention heard a recommendation that a petition go to the state government, asking consideration for providing chaplains at the University Hospital in Jackson, and at the state institution at El Dorado. This was passed at a later session.

Convention Board Endorsed
The convention also passed the recommendation which

had been brought last year, and which had to be brought up again at this session, to change the constitution so as to enlarge the state convention board to 100 members, from its present 77. This was passed unanimously.

Home Mission Board
The Home Mission Board representative, Rev. Oscar I. Romo was presented. He discussed the work of the board, in seeking to witness to the millions in America who are unreached for Christ. He said that there still are more than 6,000 communities in the nation which have no evangelical witness. He challenged Mississippi Baptists to join Southern Baptists in carrying the message of Christ to the very last person in America.

Foreign Mission Board
Dr. Leroy Green of Prentiss, one of the Mississippi members of the Foreign Mission Board, presented missionary James C. Walker as the representative of the Foreign Mission Board. Walker is a missionary to Rhodesia, who is on furlough. He spoke of the world mission task, and reported on the great spiritual needs of mission fields such as Rhodesia. He spoke of the hunger of the people for the gospel message, and of the doors open to Southern Baptists today.

The choir of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, under the direction of Mr. Cecil Harper, presented two special numbers, just before the special speaker of the evening, Dr. Grady Cothen, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, brought his message.

Grady Cothen
Cothen was introduced by his brother, Dr. Joe Cothen, pastor of Alta Woods Church, Jackson. The local pastor told of his brother's various leadership positions, as pastor, denominational executive, and now as college president, but said that the family were proudest of his place as a preacher of the gospel.

Dr. Grady Cothen responded to his brother's introduction by saying "What he means is that I have lost more good jobs than most men have." Cothen then paid tribute to his father, who was a Baptist pastor here in the state.

In his message Dr. Cothen discussed the problems the church faces as it seeks to reach the young people of this day. He quoted from a current magazine, revealing some of the thinking of the younger generation of today. He said that to reach today's world we must face up to our own lives, and let our lives be transformed by the power of Christ.

He said "When a church gives only 6% or 7% of its money through the Cooperative Program, it does not understand the sacrifice of Christ."

He closed his message with the story of a revival experience in a church in Southeast Mississippi, in which the elderly pastor invited the young preacher to preach. He told of services with nothing happening, and then of the night when the pastor told the people they must get under the "burden" of the meeting, and called for prayer meetings under the stars. He described how the people did become "burdened," and how that revival did come. He called upon Baptists of today to get under the "burden" of world need, to match the need, of the hour.

THURSDAY MORNING
It was a foggy morning in Jackson as the third and final day of the convention opened. Many already had gone home, and the attendance was about half, or less, of that of Wednesday. People were slow in coming into the auditorium, as many were pausing in the book store section, or browsing in the exhibit areas.

A Clarke College Choral group, the Clark Singers, brought the special music as the session opened.

Time, Place, Preacher
In a business period the convention heard the report of the time, place and preacher committee. The convention again will meet with First Church, Jackson, Nov. 14-16, 1967. Rev. N. F. Davis, pastor of First Church, Mendenhall, was named as convention preacher, with Rev. Ogden Evans, of First Church, Piquette, as alternate.

The convention then voted to dedicate the 100th annual to the memory of Dr. Lawrence T. Lowery, President Emeritus of Blue Mountain College, who died last summer.

Stewardship
Rev. John Alexander, Secretary of the Department of Stewardship of the Convention Board, presented the report of that department, and then introduced Dr. Merrill D. Moore of Nashville, Tennessee, Executive Secretary of the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Moore, a native of Mississippi, paid tribute to his home state, and spoke of his indebtedness to the Baptists here. He said that Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists now have under way the very best plans for development and expansion of all of their work that they ever have had in their history. He said, however, that as good as the plans are, they will accomplish nothing unless the power of the Spirit of God fills them.

Evangelism
Dr. Gordon Sansing, secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the state convention board, spoke to the report of that department. He said that churches face the opportunity to present Christ to a confused world.

"Churches do not exist to build buildings or programs, except as those buildings and programs lead people to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord."

Dr. Sansing reported on his attendance upon the World Congress on Evangelism, recently held in Berlin, Germany. He said that in the meeting he became gripped with the conviction that we could confront every individual in the world with the message of salvation in this one generation.

Education Commission
Dr. John Barnes brought the report of the Education Commission, and made three recommendations. 1. Allow the right of institutions to lease land for the erection of dormitories, which was granted last year, to be enlarged to include dining facilities. He explained that a group of business men desired to build such dining facilities at William Carey College, without obligation to the college, and that the college would have complete control of the facility, after they were erected.

The second recommendation was that Blue Mountain be allowed to borrow \$325,000 from private sources in order to erect a new girl's dormitory, to care for 100 students. The loan will be self-liquidating.

The third recommendation was that Clarke College be allowed to sell a small piece of land in downtown Newton, land which is not used by the college, and is not needed for its campus development.

All three of these recommendations were approved.

Problems At Colleges
Dr. Barnes then took the time to report in the progress of the colleges, and to discuss some of their problems. He said that while the average increase of financial support for the religious colleges of America had been 243% in recent years, the increase in Mississippi at the same period had been only 80%.

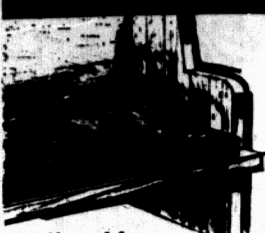
He suggested some possible solutions to some of the problems, such as limited enrollment, further increase in tuition costs, keep only one school and loose the others to private boards, merge schools.

He discussed the problem of government control, and told of a private institution in Philadelphia, which never had received federal funds, but has been declared by the courts to be a public school, and subject to public institution requirements.

He quoted David Lawrence, national news columnist, as saying recently, "It is conceivable that private schools may, with respect to admissions, be declared public." He also quoted the Wall Street Journal as saying "Tax exemption may soon be no longer available for non-integrated schools." Dr. Barnes said we must give the schools better support now.

Student Work
Reports were made from other departments of the convention board. Rev. Ralph Winters, secretary of the Department of Student Work, said that we have a new kind of schools today, and a new kind of students. He said that a large percentage of the students of today commute to the institution they attend, and cited two new Junior colleges on the Mississippi Gulf Coast which do not have dormitories, and do not plan dormitories.

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A Daring Faith

By Clifton J. Allen
Jeremiah 31: 32

The predictions of Jeremiah that the judgment of God would come upon Jerusalem and the city would be destroyed came nearer and nearer to fulfillment. The situation in the lesson before us is almost the final scene before the downfall of the city. Facing that kind of prospect, Jeremiah still had faith that God's purpose in his people would yet be fulfilled. The prophet declared the unfailing love of God and the certainty of a new covenant which God would make with his people, when the law of God would be written on the heart. Jeremiah's prediction was to find fulfillment centuries later in the coming of Christ and the creation of a new Israel through the redemption of Christ.

The Lesson Explained
Jerusalem Under Siege
Verse 2

This verse tells of a determined siege laid against the city of Jerusalem by the army of Nebuchadnezzar. Zedekiah had refused to follow the counsel of Jeremiah and submit to Babylon. Instead, he revolted. We learn more of the details from 2 Kings 25. Nebuchadnezzar grew tired of Zedekiah's conspiring with the king of Egypt and the kings of neighboring nations, so that he sent a strong force to blockade Jerusalem and thus force the city to surrender because of famine. Jeremiah had been preserved from death at the hands of the princes, but he was shut up in the court of the prison in the king's house. The prophet had some continuing ministry as he proclaimed the word of the Lord both to the leaders of the nation and to the people.

Venture of Faith

Verses 6-7, 9-15
Jeremiah was shut up in prison but not shut away from God. The word of the Lord came to him instructing him to redeem a family inheritance in Anathoth. Jeremiah had the right as the first of his kin to buy a field from his uncle's son. This he did, paying seventeen shekels of silver for the field. The transaction was completed and Jeremiah's right to the property signed and openly confirmed. Then Jeremiah instructed Baruch to take the papers confirming his property rights and preserve them safely in an earthen vessel. Jeremiah had a daring faith in the future because he had faith in God. He gave tangible evidence to his faith by investing money to preserve his family's heritage.

Hope In God

Verses 16-17
The final note of Jeremiah's message is one of hope. He had the faith in God that enabled him to see beyond immediate circumstances and far into the future. He had faith to understand God as the Creator of the heaven and the earth. He was confident that the power of God in creation would continue to be exercised in sovereignty over his creation. He had faith to understand the deeper meanings of God's covenant relationship with his chosen people. He, therefore, believed that God would bring his covenant purpose to fulfillment. Jeremiah knew that nothing was too hard for God. The destruction of Jerusalem by the Chaldeans, in execution of God's righteous judgment, would not be the final chapter in God's dealings with Judah. It would rather be a transition to another stage in preparation of a remnant; and this remnant would be brought again to Jerusalem and made the medium of the outworking of God's everlasting covenant of redemption.

Truths to Live By

Faith is the only rational approach to our world situation. — The creative genius of man and the discoveries of science have thrust us into a world of satellites and space-ships, of computers and automation, of speed and machinery, and of nuclear weapons that could destroy hundreds of millions of persons in a few hours. Factful knowledge will double in a few years. The population explosion means double the number of persons in the world in approximately a generation. The forces of evil and sin of our

restrained wickedness seem to multiply steadily. What view shall we have and what approach shall we make to this world situation? Apart from faith in God and in the sovereignty of Jesus Christ, there is no satisfactory prospect. But by faith we see God. He is in control. He has a purpose for the universe. He has provided redemption for sinful men. He can bring order out of chaos. The whole world is in his hand. He will yet bring salvation and righteousness and peace to reign in the earth.

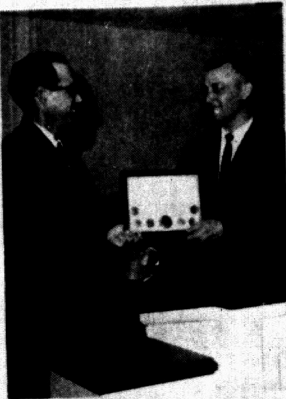
God's faithfulness will not fail. — We turn to the Bible and learn of the faithfulness of the Lord. In him there is no variation, no changeable uncertainty, no possibility of insecurity. God keeps his promises.

Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance
Training Union Attendance
Additions To The Church

November 20, 1966	202	143	
Aberdeen, First	460	164	2
Amory, First	119	38	3
Belmont, First	348	159	8
Biloxi, Emmanuel	650	245	
Biloxi, First	457	177	4
Brandon, First	699	194	8
Brookhaven, First	363	148	
Cleveland:			
Morrison Chapel	123	94	
Columbus:			
Antioch	375	143	6
Fairview	428	212	1
First	799	240	9
Crystal Springs, 1st	513	166	
Forest	403	149	2
Fulton, Trinity	198	125	
Grenada:			
First	541	194	
Gulfport, First	928	269	5
Handaboro	411	168	
Hattiesburg:			
Central	277	205	
First	638	245	1
Main St.	862	368	6
Main	844	354	
Mission	18	14	
38th Avenue	272	163	1
Sunrise	151	88	2
Iuka	318	163	
Jackson:			
Alta Woods	1189	459	4
Briarwood Drive	343	169	
Breadmoor	1846	569	10
Colonial Heights	399	118	4
Crestwood	296	137	
Daniel Memorial	686	259	
First	1462	379	5
Forrest Hill	203	75	
Hillcrest	614	280	
Highland	374	161	
McDowell Road	306	161	3
McLaurin Hgts.	391	186	
Leview Man	15		
Midway	400	192	
Morrison Heights	531	221	2
Park Hill	249	178	1
Parkway	1067	462	5
Raymond Road	95	63	
Robinson St.	341	140	
Southside	345	186	3
Van Winkle	588	296	1
West Jackson	463	170	
Woodville Heights	227	104	2
Kosciusko:			
Parkway	216	112	
First	335	184	
Main	318	167	
Chapel	17	17	
Laurel:			
Belehem	182	127	
First	503	184	2
Highland	491	202	
Magnolia St.	460	175	3
Second Avenue	249	146	
Missions	92		
Sharon, First	156	89	
Trinity	184	88	1
Leakerville, First	157	71	
Long Beach, First	562	102	2
Main	322	74	
Mission	40	28	
Lyon	215	69	
McComb:			
Locust St.	163	97	
Meridian:			
Collinsville	112	63	
Fifteenth Avenue	515	234	
Fulton Avenue	39	18	
Hickory Grove	103	52	
New Hope	170	59	
Poplar Springs Dr.	823	174	
State Blvd.	409	137	7
Mt. Creek (Rankin)	76	50	
Pascagoula, First	953	274	8
Main	867		
G. C. Nursing Home	12		
Martin Bluff	34		
Pearson	217	111	
Pearl	390	157	1
Petal-Harvey	285	92	
Main	269	75	
Memorial Drive	28	17	
Pontotoc, W. Hgts.	231	83	
Ruth	48	34	
Sandersville	214	151	
Sidon, Phillipston	120	95	1
Star	186	95	
Sarkville, First	1058	444	7
Sunshine (Rankin)	191	114	1
Tupelo:			
Calvary	626	228	5
East Heights	350	209	1
First	481	162	
West Jackson St.	261	123	
Union, First	318	122	
Vicksburg:			
Bowmar Avenue	514	254	3
Immanuel	294	87	3
Trinity	180	94	
West Point, First	545	210	
West End	261	132	
November 13, 1966	451	195	
Brandon, First	167	88	
Brookhaven, Central	418	137	3
Forest	163	109	
Laurel, Plainway	162	71	
Leakerville, First	199	72	
Lyon	109	109	
McComb, Locust	225	112	
Meridian:			
Collinsville	133	67	4
Fifteenth Ave	511	215	
Poplar Springs Dr.	823	181	9
New Hope	121	77	
Pascagoula, First	726	268	3
Main	324		
Gulf Coast Nursing H	12		
Martin Bluff	30		
Petal-Harvey:			
Main	295	95	
Memorial Dr.	28	16	
Pontotoc, First	440	153	
Ruth	48	36	2
Sarkville, First	1643	451	2
Tupelo, East Heights	577	194	
Tupelo, First	491	199	3

City streets on winter nights apparently offer the highest risk for criminal assault, according to a study of victims reported to a national gathering of sociologists. The most frequent victims of violent crime are strangers rather than relatives; and the motive is usually profit. Dr. Stephen Schafer of Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts, found in a survey of 101 prison inmates of Florida in 1965. Contrary to expectation, he found that men were victimized more often than women.



RAY ARNOLD, Training Union Director at McLaurin Heights Church, presented to the pastor, Rev. J. C. Renfro, the Honor Church Award for 1965 - 66. The church, sponsored jointly by Rankin and Hinds Association, was five years old August 29, October saw new records set in Sunday school and Training Union with average attendance of 380 and 191.

ROYAL AMBASSADOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING

In many churches too often is the case that a man is buttonholed and told to be a Royal Ambassador counselor. Then without any training he is thrust in with a group of energetic enthusiastic boys thus to be their leader in missionary education. With this and similar types of approaches there is a vast wonder that there is a vast turn over in Royal Ambassador leadership year after year.

Proper approaches to enlistment and training could compound the efficiency of most Royal Ambassador chapters. Royal Ambassador counselors and assistant counselors

should be enlisted by the church Nominating Committee in connection with the church Brotherhood Director and Royal Ambassador leader. All enlistments should be preceded by a spirit of prayer, believing that God has a particular man available for each place of service.

After enlistment the Royal Ambassador leader should initiate a training program for his counselors. Training should precede the counselors' meeting with the boys.

Training may be done on the associational, church, or individual levels. The following compose a suggested list

of materials used in Royal Ambassador leadership. These materials may be purchased at the Baptist Book Store.

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Instructor's Guide for Teaching The Crusader Counselor's Guide	.50
Workbook for Mastering The Crusader Counselor's Guide	.30
Pioneers (Boys 12-14 years)	
Pioneer Counselor's Guide	\$1.00
Instructor's Guide for Teaching The Pioneer Counselor's Guide	.50
Workbook for Mastering The Pioneer Counselor's Guide	.30
Ambassadors (Boys 15-17 years)	
The Ambassador Counselor's Guide	\$1.00
Instructor's Guide for Teaching The Ambassador Counselor's Guide	.50

THE BAPTIST RECORD 7
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Germany

Concerned because there was no German - language Baptist work in Baumholder, Germany, English - language Trinity Baptist Church of that city decided to have a German tent meeting. The result: 35 people indicated an interest in continuing German-language Baptist services. Now sponsored by the German Baptist church at Kaiserslautern, the new congregation uses Trinity Church's meeting hall.

Workbook for Mastering The Ambassador Counselor's Guide .30
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DEVOTION—

Christian Gratitude

By Roy D. Raddin, Pastor
Second Church Greenville

SCRIPTURE: II Corinthians 9:15

We come during this week of Thanksgiving to think about Christian thankfulness. When we THINK, we THANK! The greatest blessing any of us could ever think about, as we give thanks, is expressed by Paul to the church at Corinth: "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." It is in a deep spiritual sense that we remember that it is not what we have in our "pockets" that makes us thankful but that which we have in our "hearts."

The story of the ten lepers in the 17th chapter of Luke suggests that ninety percent of those who receive God's blessings are not grateful. So many of us are prone to forget God's benefits and mercies. We lay so much stress on what we DO NOT HAVE that we seem to forget what we DO HAVE.

"Count your many blessings, name them one by one And it will surprise you what the Lord has done." But we are like the nine lepers in that we seem quick to believe but slow to praise. The Bible tells us that the nine "prayed" but they did not "praise." As we see them walking away from Jesus, we remember it is possible to "obey Jesus" but not to "praise Jesus."

Only the Samaritan returned to give thanks. (Luke 17:16) It was in a deep sense of unworthiness that he returned and an even deeper sense of gratitude. Humility is at the very root of gratitude; and when we learn to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, then we shall learn the first principle of gratitude. People, in so far as thankfulness is concerned, can be divided into two classes: those who take things for granted and those who take things with gratitude. It is highly possible to become so absorbed in our gift that we forget our giver.

Jesus is our example in gratitude. He was always giving thanks: "And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and he gave thanks..." (Matt. 15:36) Certainly with Jesus as our example, all of us could and should give thanks. We could never over-express to God our thanksgiving for what He has done for us. If we had a thousand lives to give in perpetual martyrdom, it would be a small return. To give Him thanks is the least we can do.

He gives us breath! Shall we not breathe His praise? He gives us our mouth! Shall we not speak His name? Even the poorest, the weakest, and least-gifted person in Mississippi can give thanks. The man with a large vocabulary or the man who can hardly put two words together can give thanks. The man with large possessions or the woman with only two mites can give thanks. No Christian in Mississippi or in the world can say, "I pray thee have me excused" in the matter of thanks. We may one and all at this very moment give "thanks unto God for His unspeakable gift."

BOOKS FOR
ISRAEL CENTER

Last summer's staffers at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly observed "Christmas in July" and collected an offering of \$1,780.64 for foreign missions. They have designated the gift to buy library books for the school at the Baptist Center in Petah Tiq-

Revival Dates

Trinity, Laurel: November 27 - December 4; Dr. Robert Hughes, full-time evangelist, Pensacola, Florida, preacher; Wayne Meeks, minister of music; Rev. Gene Fant, pastor; services at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m.

va, Israel.

Names In
The News

Rev. Joe Harbour has resigned as pastor of Arlington Heights, Pascagoula, to move to Shreveport, La.

Rev. James Pierce has accepted the pastorate of Larue Church, Jackson County.

Rev. Paul Kirke is interim pastor at Orange Grove Church, Jackson County. He recently resigned as pastor of First Church, Poplarville, and moved to Gautier.

Former Mississippi
Pastor Kept
Busy In Florida

Rev. M. Glenn Smith, native of Mississippi, graduate of Clarke and Mississippi Colleges and New Orleans Seminary, is entering his third year as pastor of First Church, LaBelle, Florida.

He was elected moderator of the Big Lake Association for the second consecutive year in the Association's recent annual meeting.

Mr. Smith was also elected Missions during the State Convention in session in Pensacola, Florida November 8-10.



Harmony, Laurel Dedicates Education Building

Across the back of Laurel, Harmony's beautiful sanctuary built in 1961, is now a two-story educational building measuring 52' by 106'. The building is blond brick with concrete block interior. The plans for the building were drawn by the Architectural Department of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee.

Ample space is provided for all phases of the church program: a nursery suite with germicidal lamp, for the babies through 3 years old; departments for Beginners, Primaries, Juniors, Intermediate, Young People, Adults, and Music; Fellowship Hall to seat 250; kitchen facilities adjoining the area; a suite of offices on the ground floor, with library.

The building is completely heated and air-conditioned. Howard Hill was the builder, with the church serving as contractor. Counting the outside corridors and covered walks, there are 13000 square feet, constructed at a cost of \$4.78 per square foot.

The church held open house and dedication services Sunday, November 20, climax-

ing a week of Thanksgiving revival services. Lunch was served at the church with tours of the buildings following. The Cornerstone was laid at 2:00 p.m. with dedication service at 2:30. Dr. Beverly V. Tinnin, pastor of First Church, Meridian, brought the dedicatory message. Rev. LeRoy O. Craven is the pastor.



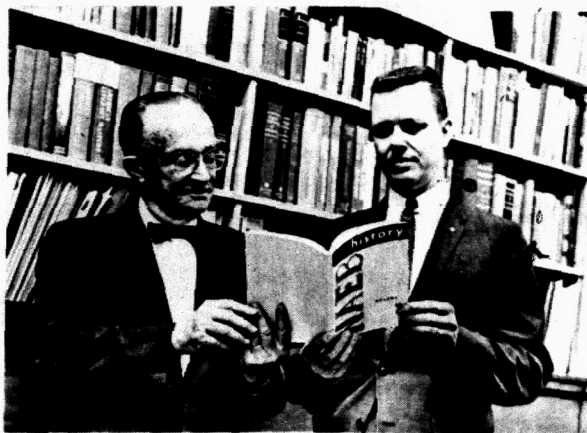
Rev. Emerson Tedder, Jr.

E. Philadelphia
Calls Pastor

Rev. Emerson Tedder, Jr. has resigned as pastor of Beulah Church, Polkville, to become pastor of East Philadelphia Church, Philadelphia.

Mr. Tedder is a native of Vardaman. He is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary. He and his family moved to Philadelphia Nov. 1.

Greater Pittsburgh area, with over 1,300 members.



DEAN OF INSTRUCTION WAYNE ALFORD of William Carey College, right, shows his recently published book NAEB History, Vol. II, to Dr. Roy G. Bigelow, head of Carey's Education and Psychology Department. The book covers the history of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters from 1954 to 1965.



GRAYS CREEK CHURCH, near Hernando, was chosen recently as an Honor Church, by the state Training Union Department. It is the first De Soto County Church to be so honored. Shown are Rev. Ervin K. Brown, representing the Mississippi State Convention, presenting the Honor Church Award to Monroe Harrell, retiring Training Union Director, Howard R. Tittle, current Training Union Director, and Rev. Roger F. Johns, pastor.

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for any. The religious ministry at these institutions is different.

Mr. Winders also said that students are different. He said "If you think they are thinking what you think they are thinking, you have another thought coming." These students are demanding answers to the questions they are asking, and not taking things for granted. He said they also are determined to have more to say about what is going on in the world. Such conditions are demanding a new approach in Baptist Student Union work.

Departmental Reports
Mr. Kermit King of the Training Union department discussed some of the new programs and plans of the Training Union and introduced some of his associates to present special emphases. One of these was the Dedicated Youth Conference which is to be held during Thanksgiving Week at William Carey College with Dr. Chester Swor as one of the featured speakers.

Mr. Dan Hall of the Music Department reported on the progress in the field of music, and then asked for response from the audience as to needs in the music field in the churches. Among the suggestions were basic training, congregational singing, associational music libraries, and one voice was heard to say "a referee."

Mr. Bryant Cummings of the Sunday School Department said that the Sunday school leaders were studying what could be done to win more people to Jesus Christ through the Sunday School. He said that the needed word is concern. He spoke of growth plans now being used, and discussed the special emphasis on reaching adult men, which is being promoted this year.

S. S. Board Representative
Dr. Wayne Todd, Secretary of the Church Library Department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville, spoke as representative of the Sunday School Board. He called attention to the place that Missions had in the life of the board, beginning with Dr. Gambrell,

who served on the committee recommending the founding of the board of 1891, and pointed out that Mississippians had headed the board in the position of executive secretary for 31 of its 75 years of its existence. The present Executive Secretary is Dr. James L. Sullivan, a Mississippian. Dr. Todd also called attention to the many other Mississippians who had shared in the leadership of the board's ministry. He discussed that world-wide ministry of today, and what it means in Baptist life.

Board of Ministerial Education
Dr. W. W. Stevens of Mississippi College, brought the report of the Board of Ministerial Education, and told of the ministry the convention is giving to the ministerial students in the colleges. He told of the new apartment building being erected in Clinton.

Special music was presented by the full Clarke College Concert Choir, as the convention came to its worship hour at the close of the morning session.

Robinson
The guest speaker for the close of this session was R. J. Robinson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia. He was introduced as a former star athlete, who had heard God's call and given himself to the ministry.

Dr. Robinson spoke on the subject "Where to Find God," using as his text John 4:20. He began by saying that there are two types of Baptist convention speakers. One is the speaker who says that the present generation has made a mess of the world, and calls upon the new generation to take over. The other is the optimist who only sees the glorious age in which we live, with the opportunities it presents.

Robinson said that he subscribed to both views, and wanted to emphasize how people could find a realistic experience with God in this hour. He said, "Most people who come to my office seeking spiritual guidance, have no trouble believing in God, but simply need to know how to help find help from Him."

He said God often is found in the secular. God is in all of life. God also is found in the commonplace. Moreover, God is found in our problems.

The living God can be found any time, any where. The world's trouble is not God's deadness, but man's blindness. Any man can know the living God through faith in Jesus Christ.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON
At the beginning of the afternoon session, the special committee to make a depth study of student work on state universities and colleges was named by the president.

Christian Education Study Committee
Dr. Donald B. Roark of Yazoo City, Chairman of The Long Range Committee on Christian Education made the report of that committee. A printed report showing the work the committee had done, and the issues it was considering was distributed.

This report says that one of the first decisions which appears needed (by Mississippi Baptists) is a "new concept, a new perspective, of Mississippi Baptist Education." It says that perhaps our concept should be to view not four separate institutions, but the institutions as "a single complex enterprise."

The report says that the institutions merit the financial and moral support of Mississippi Baptists. It calls attention to the complex problems the institutions face, and then discusses some of the questions which must be asked as solutions are sought.

The Committee was given another year to continue its studies, and to give it the access of the reports of the Southern Baptist Education Study Task Committee. The committee also was authorized to spend up to \$3,000 for "outside consultant services."

Historical Commission
The Historical Commission made its report, and the chairman, C. Reed Dicken, said that almost every speaker during the convention had referred to historical material. He told of what the commission is seeking to do. A special gift of appreciation was presented to Dr. Jesse L.

Boyd of Clinton, who has served as Executive Secretary of the Commission for many years.

Cooperative Missions
Dr. Foy Rogers, secretary of the Cooperative Missions Department of the convention board, presented the report of his department and spoke of the various types of work the department does. He mentioned associational missions, rural missions, language missions, juvenile delinquency, ministry to military personnel and the Jewish ministry.

A special quartet of men in the full time music ministry in Hinds County, presented some numbers.

Dehoney
The speaker for the close of the afternoon was Dr. Wayne Dehoney, pastor of the First Church, Jackson, Tennessee, and immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Dehoney had just returned from a three week visit to the Baptists in Russia, as a member of a delegation sent by the Baptist World Alliance. He said that he had not even reached home yet, but had just returned, spoken to Tennessee Baptists last night in Nashville, and then had come directly on to Jackson.

Russian Baptists
Speaking on the subject "Saints in Caesar's Household," Dr. Dehoney made an amazing report of the condition of the Baptist churches in Russia. He visited a number of churches all across the nation, and found them in splendid spiritual condition, despite the government oppression and the strict limitations under which they operate.

He said that everywhere he went the churches were crowded, literally packed. They have a Bible centered faith, and are happy in their love for the Lord.

The churches are not allowed to proclaim their message, nor do witnessing outside the church, but they always preach at weddings, at funerals, at visits in homes where neighbors have been invited, etc.

The people love to sing, and hear the preaching of the

Word, and services often last for hours, with several men preaching, and with many numbers by the choir, as well as congregational singing. Five services are held each week, 3 on Sunday and 2 on week days, and all are crowded.

Few Bibles
Dr. Dehoney said that there are few Bibles in the land, since none are allowed to be printed, and often there is only one Bible for a whole church of hundreds of members. The people take notes, however, as the Bible is read and sermons are preached, and treasure the scripture portions they receive. Dr. Dehoney was told of one community where a few believers who did not have a Bible, made up money to send a woman on a trip of several thousand miles to Moscow, to procure a Bible.

Dr. Dehoney told of the atheistic propaganda of the Communist government, and of their work in seeking to prevent young people from believing in God. Despite this, he said, young people from the universities sometimes come to Baptist leaders, saying that atheism doesn't satisfy, and wanting to know about the God that Baptists believe in and preach.

Persecution
He told of the persecution of the Baptists, and how that many believers have paid the price of losing jobs, and suffering much for Christ. Many of the preachers have spent periods in prison camps. A young person who is a believer cannot attend the university.

European Crusade
Dr. Dehoney told of being in a meeting in Europe where plans were considered for a European Continental Soul Winning Crusade to match the Crusade for the Americas. When they discussed what they could do about Russia and other countries behind the iron curtain, it was reported that those churches already have a spirit of revival. The Moscow Church had 210 baptisms last year, all of them above 18 years of age, for it is against the law to baptize any person under 18.

New Testament Christianity, Dr. Dehoney said that he

found this New Testament or early Christian history type of Christianity everywhere that he went in the Soviet Union, in Moscow, in Leningrad, in Latvia, in Estonia, and elsewhere. He said that there are 5,500 Baptist Churches, and 550,000 registered members in Russia. This is more than the number of Baptists in the land at the time of the Revolution in 1917.

Dr. Dehoney described the Communist efforts to stamp out religion, but said that despite all of this the Baptist witness in the land lives on. He said that perhaps we are in the days when, in the midst of fiery persecution, the faithful witness is helping to make the "kingdoms of this world" become "the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ."

THURSDAY NIGHT
The Mississippi Baptist Convention has, for several years, closed with a great Youth Rally at the Mississippi Coliseum.

Youth Rally
More than 10,000 persons gathered for this service, the large majority of them young people. Car and bus loads of young people had come from all over the state, some of them from as far away as 200 miles.

The service began at 7:00 with special music by a combined choir from the choral groups of the four colleges, under the direction of Dr. Donald Winters of William Carey College. President Earl Kelly, introduced the president elect, Claude Townsend of Florence, and presented the convention gavel to him.

Rev. Ralph Winders of the Department of Student Work was introduced as the presiding officer for the evening. The opening prayer was by J. B. Costlow, Student Director at Clarke College.

Songs of Zion rang out as 10,000 voices joined in the great gospel songs and hymns which were printed in the program. Leading them was Dr. Jack Lyall, head of the department of music at Mississippi College.

Special Feature
A special feature was the testimony by Miss Barbara

ertson of University of Southern Mississippi, Miss Mississippi for 1966-67; Ronnie Hankins of Mississippi College, and Bobby Shows, former basketball player at Mississippi State University and now minister of activities, Woodland Hills Church, Jackson.

After special music by the choir, and prayer led by Dr. Chester Quarles, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, the speaker for the evening, Dr. J. P. Allen, pastor of Broadway Church, Fort Worth, Texas, was presented.

Allen
Dr. Allen spoke on how to get God's help for our lives. He said that we cannot get God's help on our own terms. We must receive it on His terms.

He said that we will not be able to get the kind of help God wants to give in time of crisis, if we have not had his help prior to crises.

He said that crises do not just happen. He said they are caused by things which have gone before. "Keep on acting like you are acting and certain things are going to happen to you."

"Add 25 years to your life. What crisis will come to your life 25 years from now. You will be much more able to have the help of God then, if you let God have his way in your life now."

Crises need not be crucial, he continued. You simply must be ready for them. God wants to take your life now, and guide you so that you will be ready whatever the crisis may be. Find God's will for your life. It is not hard to find. Get to know Jesus Christ, and give him control of your life. Accept Him... have a growing experience with Him... and see what your life can be.

Dr. Allen gave an invitation, and a number of young people responded, answering God's call in their lives.

The great session, and the convention, closed with a benediction by the new president, Claude Townsend, and the 1966 Mississippi Baptist Convention was history.